

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A gastric band comprising:  
a tension carrying belt having an outer surface;  
a balloon attached to said tension carrying belt, wherein said balloon includes a wall having an exterior surface, wherein the exterior surface of the balloon wall is secured adjacent to and against the outer surface of the belt along a length of the balloon wall, wherein said balloon comprising comprises a plurality of partitions provided by partition walls extending substantially perpendicularly from and connecting opposing interior sides of the balloon wall, wherein the plurality of partition walls define defining a plurality of inner chambers, wherein the plurality of inner chambers are immediately adjacent to one another, wherein the exterior surface of the balloon wall extends along the plurality of inner chambers; and  
a fluid supply tube attached to the outer surface of said tension carrying belt, said fluid supply tube comprising a plurality of inlets, wherein at least a portion of the fluid supply tube passes through the partition walls, each one of said plurality of inlets providing fluid communication between a corresponding one of said plurality of inner chambers and said fluid supply tube, ~~wherein two or more of said plurality of inlets of said fluid supply tube are of different sizes;~~  
wherein the belt and the balloon are sized and configured to fit through a trocar, wherein the belt and the balloon are further sized and configured to fit around a portion of a patient's stomach.
2. (canceled)
3. (previously presented) The gastric band of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of check valves, one of each of said plurality of check valves positioned between a corresponding one of said plurality of inner chambers of said balloon and a corresponding one of said plurality of inlets of said fluid supply tube.
4. (original) The gastric band of claim 3, wherein each of said plurality of check valves comprises a one-way check valve.

5. (original) The gastric band of claim 3 wherein each of said plurality of check valves comprises a two-way check valve.

6. (canceled)

7. (previously presented) The gastric band of claim 1, wherein said plurality of inlets are ordered from smallest to largest along said fluid supply tube such that said plurality of chambers of said balloon fill at relatively substantially similar rates.

8. (original) The gastric band of claim 1, wherein said balloon has a length between about 8cm and about 15cm.

9. (original) The gastric band of claim 1, wherein said tension carrying belt further comprises a latching mechanism.

10. (original) The gastric band of claim 9, wherein said latching mechanism comprises one or more sutures.

11. through 28. (canceled)